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T/SNUG

Here is the list of T/SNUG's Chairmen and how to contact them. We wish to support the following SICs: 230-1084, 75-1040, 55PCT0234, 75-1080, 75-3643 T&S and QL. If you have any questions about any of them, feel free to contact them.

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is the newsletter of T/SNUG the Transatlantic North American User Groups, providing news and software support to the T/S community in a volume of four newsletters per year, beginning with the Spring (April) issue.

T/SNUG's main goal is to keep our Magazine, our readers and our repair service alive for the benefit of T/S users.

These valuable services shall have free advertising space in this user supported Newsletter that they can use that we are still active out here. We must support their service whenever possible.

Another T/SNUG goal is to assemble titles of all known Public Domain and commercial software available for all Transatlantic machines, building a library and providing lists of that software showing both the source and the availability.

We encourage your group to copy this newsletter and distribute it at your regular meetings to all your members. If you cannot copy this newsletter a disk can be provided with the articles for use in your newsletter.

If you feel T/SNUG should improve other make let us know your feelings. If you have noticed a problem in one of your software or hardware, please share it with the rest of us.

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Download articles appearing in this newsletter having CGA extensions.

For help contact the SYSGOP by leaving a message, mail it to me by phone. Rob Sawyer SYSGOP ———GATOR———
(Address & Phone in the left of page)

Input/Output

by *Abel Kahale*

If you have a question, a problem or a solution, why not send it to us. We will try to find an answer and we will all share it. Mail to:

A. Kahale or D. Lambert.
(Addresses are on page 2)

Richard A. Jelen of Grafton OH: "Thank you for the copy of TSNUG in which Don Lambert published some of my letters, it is a fine newsletter. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the SCRT routine which I adapted to my own 'Pete' program (which is a program I developed years ago to let my mouse behave and later adapted to Paris.)

I got your SCRT routine from a program you did for UFD&T8. I almost forgot to mention the interesting the marked up schedule I had sent to Don Lambert and which was subsequently published in April 84 ZQA."

"Regarding the recent column change for the 2668 Ni-Cad, it should be noted that I am using the TS-2668 15 VDC power adapter, the meter pin is negative. If used as drawn, no charge will occur, since the drawing was originally made for the TS-1800 9 VDC adapter the meter of which is positive. Just thought you might like to inform your readers, though no damage will result, if right, give lots of head scratching."

ERRATA

Ni-Cad Charger — ZQA, Spring 84
The TS-2668 Power Adapter Center Pin is negative and should go to ground.

Thanks Rich, Welcome aboard, and thank you for the program.
Abel

Edward Snow of Orlando FL: "Even though my TS computer don't get much use anymore, I still enjoy following the latest in the TS world."

"Please note that my current involvement with the QL computer is limited to beta programming units. Please change my listing from the QL & ZX-81. I hope to be working for the QL. I am getting QL related calls and I am unable to help the callers."

"I am glad that TSNUG finally got a 2668 spring, but unfortunately the long-distance charges will limit my involvement some. I do intend on getting on-board the coming weekend."

Congratulations on the great job with the Newsletter. You and Don are doing a great job keeping readers at the Newsletter. I am planning on contributing some programming articles later (probably May) since I am changing jobs to a 40 hour-week position in April and will finally (after 4 years) will be home in the evenings and on weekends.

Congrats on the excellent job you are doing!"

Thanks for the vote of confidence! I am sorry for the error. I was led to believe that you had QL articles. I hope your new job will prove to be to your expectations and provides some time for us guys!

Bob

Robert Gilbert of Wilmette IL: "I would like to sign up for your ZQA (Zine Alive) Newsletter and join at the fan. You were highly recommended by Bud Green of SMO Computers and he told me your group is among the best of TS groups."

"Haven't I used your name somewhere? Did you write something in a newsletter or a magazine? Are you a short-wave addict?"

Welcome to our community Bob, we hope we will measure up to your expectations.

I have written a few articles for UFD&T Magazine and a couple for Sine-Line newsletter and I do have the Larkin Public Domain Library. Our thanks GO TO Bud Green.

Abel

Gene Ray of Milton GA: "First I want to thank you for your help with my software problem. I appreciate the assistance from Bob KIPWYT, and I think I can build it with no problems."

The two sheets attached to the Spring Newsletter, lot of good equipment and software, but I am not clear on who has it for sale. The page listing a Morse Code Translator for \$20 and I think that is what I am looking for. The listing at the top of the page is for TS-2668, will the work on a TS-1800? Again, Thanks for everything. TS's."

Welcome Gary. Sorry about the two AT&T shirts they were handed out just before meeting as I handed them in without editing. The gentleman's address is:

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CANADA**

The Internet Code Translator program for the TS-1000 can be converted to EBCDIC language if it is in ASCII. May be you can send for it on the condition that it is in ASCII?

Aldob

Robert Barnett of TL Systems PL. "Please get me

on the list for your fine publication. I am forever grateful to those of you who take the time and effort to do such tasks as this. I do hope you get somewhere near the pleasure in publishing them that we do in reading them."

Response to our community club. Please take yours in when keep us going. We sure enjoy our work especially when we receive such appreciation and encouragement such as yours.

Aldob

Robert Hartung of Huntsville, IN. "Thank you and all the others for the work you are putting in it."

Red Cowen of Oregon City OR. "Thank you for the letter regarding the change in TSNUG policy. I appreciate the comment. It is a real concern to me when I have to compete with most sources. The less competition I have, the longer I will be able to stay alive. Sales are at an all-time low for S&MG."

"I will continue to offer as much PC software as I can. I do not do it so much for the profit (if any) but because I enjoy being able to distribute it. I also have a lot of shareware (over 3000 Megabytes) on CD's available for PCs and used on spares for

Policy Declaration!

From the conception of the Times/Encounter user groups it was the thought of all the chairman of that time that the *TSN QLive Alive!* newsletter would be in volume of at least 4 issues per year beginning in April with the Spring issue. *Arrivee*, signing up for that year would be entitled to the complete volume for considerations received from the April of that year to March of the following year. In that way TSNAL would know when to shut down its services without anyone being misled.

This plan was not conveyed to our present newsletter editor and treasurer, **Abel Kahala**. The error was discovered when **Aldob** informed us as to the difficulty consideration had in understanding when to send in funds. As our funds dwindle ever downward, we wish to get back on track first by stating our original intention, asking our supporters to inform us if we owe them any back issues, and then sending in their contributions for future volumes before March or as soon after as possible. We always publish our treasury report so that you might know how TSNAL is doing financially.

We TSNUG chairman will do all we can to keep the *Singleline* community alive for all Times/Encounter Users, Groups and Vendors. To this end, if a vendor offers a product or service, TSNUG will not compete in that area. For this reason, although TSNUG collects and builds collections of books, magazines, newsletters, and software libraries, we shall direct you to a vendor to supply it, to you, rather than compete with the vendor and drive him out of business. Only if all other available sources dry up will TSNUG supply those items.

Bob Sawyer

I too, am endeavoring to ensure that ALL vendors and current users stay around, as long as possible. I am constantly referring customers to Mechanical Affinity for QL products as well as to TSNUG and LINDATEL for magazine/news group information. As you know, I have been and will continue to be, a full-time SUPPORTER of the TS community even if I have to quit my full time computer business."

David Lessor of Tucson AZ. "This 2000 machine is dead, only when we say it is dead, by abandoning it. As a

matter of fact, Don Elliott and Red Cowen have volunteered to abandon the use a non-volatile disk pack that houses our five drives with a backup file. We guess that nobody up north has any appreciation of the current machine here in Arizona, which a last day is something near 100 degrees F." "Darryl Clark is being sent to Bob Sawyer, the word-processing software of our system will be de-combed up-to-date, file-able and open."

"Ready to bring the up again... ten years ago, the cycle rate of our TS-1000 slowed down when raising of our water home AC control powered by an almost dead battery. We were going from 12 VDC to 120 VAC from a docking source with-apt."

The TS-1000 or any electronic device will only run properly if supplied by the voltage indicated in the literature normally 90 - 110 VAC in the US. Poor weathering voltage must have declined before 10 VAC.

Aldob

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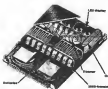
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DISK

Donald Lambert

Where? Where does the time go in? Seems that I just sent in the last recent material and here it is again time for another issue to be submitted to their good

For the 28th issue there is help to diagnose the expense of batteries. The **LAN-Q-VAC** RECHARGE Batteries I mentioned that the 2200 uses four AA batteries and they are at Wal-Mart in Auburn for the price of four for \$4.25 and you will need two sets so that one can charge while you use the other set. And the Charger is \$40.00. So for \$18.50 plus state tax of \$2.90 that comes to \$19.40 and two sets of batteries means 24 cycles at 20 cycles per set which yields a cost of \$0.39 per cycle of use. And since the charger is directly paid for then on the amount used all batteries the cost will be \$0.85 divided by 20 or \$0.43 per cycle of use. I don't know who is buying these but they sell out of the batteries and charger fast.

And see the article by Lou Chastell on research building a LanKen disk board, and the LanKen UP too. It can be done but not for the faint hearted. If anyone is interested, Phil Halagren has the WQ770 chip for \$9.00 prepack silicon elsewhere in Q&A.

There is a magazine or newsletter devoted to the craft computers and one issue had an article on the Q&A. I got a couple of sample issues and it put me more in mind of the craft issues of EYTQ magazine. It is The Computer Journal and runs to 32 page plus cover and is published 4 times a year. One of price is \$24.00 a year but if you are also old computer it is worth a look. The editor is

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Anybody not there working with the AERCO PD 64 disk interface for the TS 2060? There are more still working with it and still doing programming and improving the original system. There is a new EPROM SPECTRUM for the AERCO that is on disk and apparently the software. POKER SPECTRUM has the

AERCO memory and a works from there. There were two programs on disk and they worked in the SPECTRUM mode. Of course, the AERCO has EPROM capabilities and that is a gateway to me did I get a copy of a Q774 manual. I also have a possible source of PD software for the AERCO. I am working on that.

I wanted a project that will make articles for Q&A. If I don't get submissions available for future publication, I have my reservations that something to make alphabetically and I started with the first one and I have gotten through THE FLATTER (that under FLATTERS) working with some mac through December 1984. Some reservations are not represented and a few have all issues in that group. I have typed in all the articles that I have found that were usable and I could read some reproduction made articles unreadable. There were some great studies in that time period. Some day I will finish the project and I will when I finish the newsletter take a look at the magazines and where finished with the first issue in December 1984 will go through again with January must close. It is quite a

From the Editor

We are grateful for the appreciation and encouragement we have received especially concerning the last issue. Some asked us how we do it? By me, I mean, Bob Dwyer, who with Don Lambert and Al Papp (who owned 250s Q&A) established 250s Q&A. Al said that is the TS-2060 weekly task. Don is where most of the articles and members' help come from and myself, the Editor and Treasurer. Not in the least, the backing of the Chicago area group and the president of C&A, Mark Pridmore, who has many business developments in his name may have helped Color Systems send his talents.

Bob — Q&A Software Development — is deep in the week time with three other commitments in his name, an extensive TS-2060 software library and access to a computer. Don and myself are a stream with time on our hands. We want to be of the same opinion. Alpha or beta, that the Newsletter out. I try to follow my own rule which was on the wall in my office at my past place of employment where I was Alpha before Beta.

(Get The Job Done with little more effort)

(Do It Right or get off the job)

May not be a perfect job, as perfection is not the goal. While working on it I was interviewing a just retired 47 years old Engineering Corps Captain for an open position. He let me know that he was not really in need of a job but he wanted something to keep him active. I drew his attention to my E.L.R., he said it that said, "No Mr. ", stood up and walked out.

Not unlike all Sincere publications, we are always in need and looking for new material to publish. So, you don't like to write articles? Why not just down your ideas on paper and send it to us as is, may be we can make an article out of it.

We all enjoy working with Sincere products that do make a lot of sense to us. So as long as you and we are still around supporting each other, we will have a Sincere appreciation Newsletter.

Bob

PHS through some new project.

I go through the agency or the living room dressing. All the furniture was moved to the center of the room for several days about a couple of weeks probably for Monday use with his Bar. It was an exercise. And we finally got it done and it was worth it.

That took up most of the month of May, then getting it done and then incorporating it thoroughly. Whether I want to or not, I find that there is other things to do besides playing with my TDS toys.

I have a good question that I have asked before. Is there a way to calculate how big of a heat-sink to use to dissipate one watt of power that is dissipated by a T800 regulator or its equivalent? I have a disk drive power supply project balked with this question, *then*, does anyone know if the regulators in the TD-3 configurations have overheat and thermal shutdown? There are 3 amp 3V and 12V regulators. I am mounting them in a IBM PC type power supply case and the only things left in the case are the main circuit board, power switch and fan. Not having more details I guess I will have to deal with all this delay and phage ahead and see what I can do with the project. I guess I can use the thermal shutdown by covering the regulator and seeing if it will shut down if too hot. Same for short shut down. Might try the regulator but, it is not that

expensive. I have some heatshinks with me will try them.

Use any heat-sink that you have on hand. Any heat-sink is better than none. The phage here is make good and tight *just* to fit connect with the heat-sink with points in between. (Weldfield heat sink composed). You didn't say how much current you are going to draw from this regulator nor what its part number is. Is a rule of the thumb, the larger the heat-sink the better. If the regulator is a TO-3 then use a TO-3 heat-sink, a TO-220 use a TO-220 heat-sink and so on. They are available from electronic stores. I will mail you information on how to design your own — it gets pretty involved.

For all regulators have thermal and overheat shutdown (phases out). To test for this you have to draw heavy current from it until it shuts down. *then*.

Instead of filling (mounting) space with my comments I will fill it with other stuff. With that I will leave this



Larken Disk Interface Circuit

by Lee Cottrell

"Dear Dan,

You will also receive a package with a home made LARKEN Disk PC Board for the TS-2048 from me. This letter is being written the day after I mailed up the package. The letter in the package explains about not being able to get my home made CP PC Board to work. What the problem I had with the Disk PC Board made me rethink the CP trouble. I replaced all the cheap diodes and then replaced two chips that were not exactly the same as on the real Larken PC Board. Now it works and I am finally and the schematics I started a year ago in *LineLink*. *Below* is a copy of the article. This article was written the time spent on making the Disk PC Board for you. No tech stuff. Thanks."

Did
You
Know
?

most useful when would I do it if I couldn't see my dream?

Not shown on the schematic are the +5 connections for the small chips which is on the highest

pin number, either 14 or 16. The ground connection is on the opposite corner, 7 or 8.

Please note that data lines D0 thru D5 have two locations so that the schematic would look a little cleaner. The second one is just to the right of the WD14750 outline. Obviously the Tri-state edge connectors are on the left and the MP PC Board connections (about D0) thru D204 are on the far right.

Dan Lambert probably doesn't realize what a big help he was by writing to me. In an attempt to prepare my reply to him, I learned that the chips used on both the Interface PC Board and the Disk PC Board can't be freely substituted without possible problems. For example I tried to replace the 740000 on the MP with a 7400750000 but it didn't work! Francis is not always better. Larry Kozak must know what he was doing and he did good. Some chips probably can be substituted but I am not enough of a hardware hacker to know when (or why).

I had also gone to the Chicago Area Tri-state Seminar (Dave Gandy seminar) that you should attend on the (M4)4000 diodes that come 10 in the package from Radio Shack. (PN 3761122) and not the largest package.

Perhaps the best lesson here is that we as TS need to communicate with each other. Writing An Article For Our Newsletter is a great way to do this. One's letter solved a year's worth of frustration for

me, and he didn't even know that I had a problem in order to continue to improve ourselves we must learn from each other. All the big companies are learning that they need to do this. So should we!

LEE COTTRELL
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Comments by Don: On the Desk PC Board that Lee sent me all sorts are ordered and as mentioned in the letter with the PC Board it keeps the Desk bit from doing all the way. It is sold on about a 1/16th of an inch. And when I earned it into the Desk part I found that it worked as well as the original Larkim Desk PC Board. As a quick glance the main difference of the top of the PC Board is that the Larkim is green in color while Larkim PC Board is brown. Turned over and there are silver leads on the Larkim while Lark's has red wire wrap wires. The placement of parts is very different.

The main thing that occurred to me is that anyone with the following equipment: AEROC, Chip, RAMAC could build a Desk PC Board and make a copy of the appropriate EPROM and a format that could be in function using the Larkim disk interface.

In his first letter, this is what Lee offered to

As you may have suspected from my article in TechTalk some time ago I had to construct a Desk PC Board in order to verify the schematics that I published. I will use a copy to print this letter on. The enclosed PC Board for you was made from a Radio Shack board and I notice that it holds the Desk door open a little bit. The last one I built was made from a Spectrum cartridge PC Board from Zabin and does not hold the door up. I thought I had an OS-86 PC Board somewhere but I was unable to find it.

I did receive an assistance from the schematics, pic 1 of the T4 chip goes to ground. Several components in the little module called "Springs" The transistors, the big

diode, the LED and the 470 pf capacitor. I didn't have the small cap on hand when I started wiring and I really don't know what the large diode really is. I was lucky on the first one, but using the same one on the PC Board didn't work. So I used one mounted differently and it did work. Fortunately I had also ordered the big diode on the first one and when I substituted them I was able to locate the faulty part. I enjoy making circuits so this gets chalked up to hobby time.

I imagine you have the version L3 and not L3F EPROMs. If you are going to use it in a non-Larkim application it shouldn't matter anyway.

I have not had the same luck with the Desk UP PC Board. I have made two and neither one works. I am an amateur at not an electrical engineer so I haven't been able to figure out why the UP won't work. I think something is critical around the area of the crystal, but I haven't figured it out yet. I feel sure I have the schematics figured out but I won't publish it until I can verify it with a working copy. Do you know of any hardware locations that I might consider?

Yes, Main Features is a sure bet. *Alfred*

Sometime back there were QJ's selling the 413 as is condition that I ordered. I have a collection of Shokals and Simula stuff in my computer room. I would like to have a sample of a QJ even if it didn't function. Of course I would have to find one that did work. (Check RMG site and Webboard Affiliates)

(As you can see the last letter provided the last. I only included it to show how some problems get solved. This time through Bob Senger who brought up the problem in CACTUS meeting, Niels Paulsson continued about the use of the chips in question.)

Schematics: on the following page. Send a LSAME to A. Kahala for a complete set which includes the Desk PC Board layout. (Address is on page 2)

QLuMSi DOS (V4.30)

by Al Zeng

QLuMSi DOS (QL-using MS-DOS's intention Disk Operating Simulation) has, at the version number might suggest, recently undergone a long-awaited upgrade which had been partially delayed by my year of voluntary service [smilewide!]

As some of you know, Version 4 of the QLuMSi program has added the following commands:

```
CD 1
CD [sub-Directory_path]
VD [sub-Directory_path]
MD [sub-Directory_path]
```

Most people with a QXL, GOLD CARD and FLEASH chip should welcome the ability to access sub-Directories

The MDN command (with a 'sub-Directory_name') will initiate the MAKE DIR command and MAKE a sub-Directory on the medium. For example (you may want to try this on a spare of your master-disk) at the prompt, input the following:

```
MD FAST
```

When you input, DIR, (assuming you have appropriate TEG) control you should see:

```
FAST > _
```

In place of FAST_Disk and FAST_Asc.

The CD 1 command with a sub-Directory_name will access:

- a) the sub-Directory on the medium, or
- b) any other valid path.

Thus, if you were now to input "CD FAST" (after performing the above example) you would see:

```
A: \FAST> _
```

Now, executing "DIR" will show you the two files along with a date file, e.g. -

```
FAST_Disk
2758 1993 Sep 09 17 00:00
FAST_dos
4096 1993 Sep 09 17 00:00
FAST_
04 1993 Sep 09 17 00:00
```

The CD \ command (without a sub-Directory, very, really) is used to return to the main Directory.

The RD \ command (with a sub-Directory, _name_) is used to REMOVE a sub-Directory from a medium.

NOTE: If you have several sub-Directories with similar "names" then you may be asked whether or not you wish to REMOVE them also, e.g. -

RD LETTER.

will prompt you. If you wish to REMOVE the sub-Directory named LETTER, as well as LETTERS (for example).

NOTE: If there are files in the sub-Directory, the sub-Directory will not be REMOVED.

As before, those more familiar with the standard DOS commands may opt to utilize the smaller COMMAND.COM version of the program.

Both the "old" version of the QLUster program as well as version 4 of the COMMAND.COM program require that your QL has the MANS.DIR command available to it in addition to the traditional TRG_EXT code.

To accommodate those who either do not have a QEL, GOLD CARD, or FLUPRAM chip, a version of the new QLUster program has been included which does NOT require MANS.DIR, hence, will now allow you to "MANS to sub-Directories" on a medium. This is the QLUster.COde program you will find on your master disk (see REXT, etc).

QLUster Porting: In the current version, indicating the device as either COM or LPT will perform OK. This may correspond to an enhancement to QCL, were we not understanding is that some of the PC clones have not been written yet.

Undocumented

Feature (v4.30)

People with a QEL, GOLD CARD and FLUPRAM chip should welcome the ability to access sub-Directories. The problem arises when you decide you have longer wish to have the sub-Directory on the medium. It just doesn't seem that easy to get rid of.

Maybe it was obvious to the people at MIRACLE, or maybe I didn't read the documentation well enough that I searched with the FLUPRAM (and, this is true for GOLD CARD documentation, as far as I am told, but the safe way that I could figure out how to REMOVE a sub-Directory was with the WDELete command, and this I determined by accident! Now, at first, I would WDELete through the entire directory. This was, when, tedious. Tying to WDELete a specific (empty) sub-Directory proved tedious.

At some point, I either had a typo or a misanthropic moment, and I realized that I might be able to begin to manipulate filenames, begin, and get the desired effect. The RD \ command utilizes QUCS's WDEL command, and the user defines the sub-Directory by direct input and can be used within QLUster (v4.30) for designating a specific string. For example, if you were to input, RD \dos, QLUster would then ask you if you wished to WDELete all the _dos files. Obviously, some caution must be employed by the user.

I will make necessary changes in the future as information becomes available to me.

QLUster Upgrade



QLUster has recently, come with my faithful, enterprise a long, overdue upgrade which had been partially delayed by a year of voluntary service (service?) to *Western New Media Inc.*, on

the Eastern Nevada Reservation, as they like to refer to it, the potential donors.

As of mid-October 1993, the latest release version is 5.100.

The significant change which prompted the new version number was the ability to access already "active" sub-Directories structures.

QLUster copies that your QL, have access to the superCOLLETS: Removable WCOPY, WDELete, SPOOL, RENAME, and WSTATs.

Sub-Directories [...]

Access to the sub-Directories is performed by simply entering the appropriate key designator as you might for an individual file. QLUster will determine that it is NOT a file, and go about the work of removing and displaying the sub-Directory.

The sub-Directories will be "in play" even if you change the device to a floppy which does not have a sub-Directory structure! The exit point may be an empty page if no files exist with the appropriate Directory prefix.

Return to the main Directory via SELECT. **RDEVICE** option (press 0 to access) if the disk you are using has sub-Directories (i.e. "A:\") but your QL does not have the MAKE DIR command then QLUSTER will, at last attempt, simply access the first file in that sub-Directory. Subsequent files will not be accessible other than via WCOPY or WDEL etc.

Greater "Crash" Protection

Time away from Computing has helped me realize the problems of any version of TURBO (2.00) implementing file type recognition. It is believed that the only reason QLUSTER will hang/stop/crash now is if the executable file is corrupt and does not load properly or, if you are attempting to load binary code created by (you, you guessed it) DIGITAL whose binary code apparently "looks" like EXECutable code to the QL.

A solution to this is to place such code in its own sub-Directory e.g. "Turbo_TC_code" has hung up my QL when testing the FILE(TTY) check, so I have

placed a routine in own sub-Directory to prevent me accidentally attempting to EXEC W's. Clearly you can there must be another way to CRASH the program, but I'm going to avoid thinking about it for now!

QLUSTER 5.100 will now "ask" whether or not your printer is READY before it will attempt to send a file down the line. QLUSTER requires TR2_EXIT code

Some upgrade patches as before to anyone who has acquired a copy of QLUSTER (either directly from me, through INSOFT, or UPDATE) but need \$2.00 to cover the cost of a new disk (specify size) and the postage and handling (as they say) local monetary questions/queries to:

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Happy Trails, and Computing, to You...

Relocating Machine Code Programs — TS-2063

by the late James F. Brown

Why would one want to relocate machine code? Many machine code programs written for the TS2063 are located in the same area of RAM. Sometimes one might want to use both if they can be used that way. If you relocate one you may be able to use both. I had previously purchased the Zed disassembler and found that I couldn't use my printer driver with it because they both used the same area of RAM to store their machine code. Although the printer interface (I use Thurman) had a driver program to store in the computer's printer buffer, I found that I couldn't use that either because something in the Zed disassembler would wipe that out. I found out that, even after uninstalling the printer driver to an address below the Zed disassembler machine code, I still could not use it directly through the Zed disassembler. I had to use the Thurman screen copy routine to get a printout of the screen. Thurman has two screen copy routines. One is for text only and is stored with the regular printer driver. The other is stored in the computer's printer buffer and will copy anything on the screen. The computer's printer buffer location is reserved in memory with NEW Machine code programs that have been SAVED on tape or disk as LOADSOL back into the computer memory with LOAD " " CODE as a name can be specified (omit it for some disk systems). With that simple way of ENTERing the code to placed at the same address it was SAVED from, if you want to relocate it then you enter LOAD " " CODE (address) and it will load it at the address specified. If the code contains code relative jumps and ROM calls, it can be RUN with no changes. If it contains absolute jumps and calls which are over addresses, then it will have to be changed for the program to work. I have successfully done this to a few programs and got them to work.

A disassembler program counts in quite handy for accomplishing the changes. I use the Zed disassembler since it prints out the addresses as decimal. The Zed disassembler has a setup to PRINT to a printer but as far as I can tell it only supports the TS2063 printer. The Zed disassembler did give me an option to have the program disassembled in its present location, and in its original location, or at any address I choose. If you want, you can get pointers at both locations. In order to get a printout of the Zed disassembly, it was necessary to break out of the Zed program with CAPS BREAKBREAK and then copy the screen. That was a little tough to do on the line break out but, after that it was no trouble.

If you have made the pointers at both locations, take the two pointers and compare them. One of the things you will notice is that the relative jump addresses are different. This is correct and they do not have to be changed. You will then notice that the absolute jumps and calls are the same in both listings. You will also notice that panel registers are loaded with numbers. These numbers are equivalent to addresses in the code. Generally, these are the HL register. All the absolute jumps will have to be changed. If the calls and HL numbers are to ROM or to some other address below 26210 they do not need to be changed. If the calls and HL numbers are to addresses in the program, they will have to be changed. What I do in this case is look for the address shown in the original program. Then I find the comparable address in the relocated program and look it down as High Byte and Low Byte (i.e. High Byte = INT(address/256) and Low Byte = address - High Byte * 256). Once you have the information you go back to the relocated address that originally used that address in the instructions and

MAKE the following two addresses with the Low Byte and High Byte in that order. It is a lot of work, but once you have everything changed, you have a relocated program that works like the original. You must *re-LOAD* the changed program and it will load back in at the new address without specifying the new address. Remember that you must use **RAMTOP** at one address below the start of the code. Since I now have the Thomas printer driver located at 80000 and the Real disassembler **LOAded** in, I initialize the printer driver with **RANDOMIZE** **USR 80000**, and then use **RANDOMIZE** **USR 80000** to make a test only screen copy.

I have used this procedure to move other programs. One of them was the screen copy code that Thomas had supplied. Thomas had listed a number of pointers for copy codes they had on the cassette but they didn't list any printer (Parasoft's by name) I tried all of them, but the only one that appeared to work correctly was one called **State-Wis**. These screen copy codes were all stored in the computer's printer buffer. There is one thing wrong with the code being located in the computer's printer buffer. When you key **NEW**, the code is erased. **LOAded** in the Real, followed by the relocated printer driver, and then the screen copy code. I got a printed copy of the disassembly of the screen copy code. I wanted to relocate to 80000 but since that

was in the Real code area I chose 70000 to locate it at temporarily and then on the relocation to 80000 (10000 bytes) at the printer. Using the 30000 made it simpler to figure most addresses. I then made a hard copy of the disassembly and went back to the menu and changed the relocation to zero and made a hard copy of the code at 70000. Comparing all three listings, I found

that I had to make the change **AFTER ENTERING** the changes at 70000 to 70154. I **SAVED** the code. Then, turning off the computer to clear everything out I turned the computer on again, set **RAMTOP** at 80000, **LOAded** the copy code as at 80000 I then **re-LOAded** the program at the proper address. I now have a screen copy code that remains in memory after **NEW**. I think I should mention here that, one of the addresses **LOAded** into the HL register in the screen copy program is used to contain a number that is used to control the size of the screen copy. That address will contain a 1 for small screen copy and 0 for large screen copy. The large screen copy will use copy the full horizontal screen, it will be a few columns short on the right side. This is an example of the screen for changing the numbers held in the HL register. Although I do not understand enough to write my own machine code, I understand enough to figure out how to do things like relocating machine code. You can do it too.



PARTS Inventory

By Richard Jelen

Here is an updated program that I use to keep track of my inventory of parts. I developed it years ago to keep track of my movie listings. I got the sort routine from the program **RecordKeeping** in the October 93, **UPDATE** Magazine. Set **EDM(500,32)** to values you prefer, and then **GOTO 4000** to start records keeping. Of course you should always use **GOTO 4000** any time you **BREAK** into the program.

Make Your Selection

1. Add or Change List
2. Remove List
3. Copy List
4. Sort List
5. Save to Cassette
6. Make Bin List (after 4 above)
7. Change Quantity/Price (after 4 above)

Bin List

1. Copy All Bin

2. Copy a Bin
3. Return to Menu

Change Quantity

1. By Item
2. By Item No.

Change Price

3. By Item
4. By Item No.
- M. Return to Menu

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To the attention of those who did not respond:-

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Greetings

Our records show that you joined SNUG several years ago. Only two issues of the Newsletter were ever mailed. As the remaining person involved with this effort, I am now prepared to close the books on this endeavor. For various reasons it proved to be a bigger job than most of those involved with its inception were able to handle. The Treasury less expenses for the two issues of the Newsletter and less the mailing of this offer are to be returned to the membership.

By agreement with ☐UPDATE! magazine, ☐QLR newsletter and ☐T/SNUG you may choose to have your remaining SNUG subscription extended in those fine publications, ☐to donate to T/SNUG, or ☐to receive a promised refund check.

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Postcards of the above were mailed to all those who were listed in the SNUG Membership List that I received. To date, 49 replies were received out of the 77 postcards that were mailed. Their choices were:

UPDATE!	5
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Donate to T/SNUG	9
Refund	13
Return to sender	5

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